

1 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Elizabeth Gardner.
2 Elizabeth Gardner.

3 MS. GARDNER: Thank you for the opportunity
4 to present to you, the Federal Communications
5 Commission, at this public hearing on medial ownership
6 and community service. I'm Elizabeth Gardner with
7 Women's Business Development Center.

8 The Women's Business Development Center,
9 almost since its inception 21 years ago, has
10 benefitted from WFLD FOX 32's commitment to community
11 service. Our organization is the oldest, largest, and
12 most successful women's business assistance center in
13 the United States. Committed in great part to
14 community and economic development by supporting the
15 growth and development of women and minority owned
16 businesses, we have partnered with Rainbow Push, and
17 worked closely with WFLD for many of these 21 years.
18 WBDC partners with WFLD to sponsor our annual
19 childcare business expo held in the spring each year.

20 Their involvement includes featuring the
21 WBDC and its staff and clients on programming, as well
22 as extensive free public service announcements in
23 support of various WBDC programs. WFLD always
24 provides an on air representative to host and MC our
25 events. Additionally, the community affairs director

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1 of WFLD-TV counsels and advises the WBDC on media
2 relations.

3 WFLD-TV has a tradition of supporting local
4 charitable and community efforts that contribute to
5 strong and vibrant Chicago area communities. Thank
6 you.

7 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.

8 (Applause.)

9 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Carmenza Millan?

10 MS. MILLAN: Thank you for allowing me to
11 speak. Actually, my name is Carmenza Millan. I am
12 the Associate State Director for Community Outreach
13 for AARP, with over 39 million members, 1.8 million
14 members in Illinois, and with a very large Latino
15 population to serve.

16 Actually, we are a social mission
17 organization. We advocate on behalf of the issues of
18 people 50 and older, whether it is the preservation of
19 social security, healthy behaviors, livable
20 communities, economic security, any other myriad of
21 issues that affect the Latino population, especially
22 those over the age of 50.

23 We have had a wonderful relationship with
24 WSNS, Telemundo Chicago, whether it is helping us to
25 encourage Latinos to join our walking club at Harrison

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1 Park, and even today we were able to be on the
2 television to talk about the impact and the need to
3 preserve social security, especially for Latino
4 seniors, that without it, more than half of them, more
5 than 50 percent would under the poverty level. Thank
6 you.

7 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.

8 (Applause.)

9 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Louise Gutierrez?

10 Louise Gutierrez?

11 (No response.)

12 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Karen Volkman?

13 MS. VOLKMAN: Thank you for the opportunity
14 to speak today. My name is Karen Volkman. I am the
15 Managing Director for the Midwestern Region for the Ad
16 Council.

17 I work with media companies to secure
18 donated media and help execute public service and
19 community outreach. I am a member of several
20 community advisory boards in Chicago, including the
21 Clear Channel Radio Advisory Board, and Mayor Daley's
22 Community Building Initiative of Chicago Council.

23 I have a unique perspective of localism and
24 how the stations promote it in their public service.
25 Since 2004, when Ad Council opened the Chicago office,

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1 the Chicago TV and radio broadcasters have aired over
2 130,000 Ad Council public service announcements at an
3 estimates media value of \$26 million, as tracked by
4 the logs submitted to the FCC.

5 The Ad Council does not pay for any media.

6 We rely solely on donated air time. Every
7 broadcaster in Chicago, including the Spanish language
8 TV and radio stations have participated. As an
9 example, Clear Channel Radio Chicago has donated more
10 than 30,000 public service announcements valued at
11 over \$4-1/2 million since we opened the office in
12 2004.

13 Each day, Chicago broadcasters air Ad
14 Council PSAs to promote Alert Chicago Emergency
15 Preparedness, to recruit mentors for Big Brothers/Big
16 Sisters, to encourage support for the United Negro
17 College Fund, to educate their audience about wireless
18 Amber Alert, and many other issues that impact Chicago
19 residents.

20 In case of urgent need, the Chicago
21 broadcasters have responded quickly. Recently Chicago
22 experienced a blood shortage. The broadcasters had
23 this on the air right away, and the blood banks were
24 refilled. There's a reason that the
25 Midwest is called the Heartland. The Chicago media

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1 outlets are committed to creating positive change
2 in --

3 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.

4 MS. VOLKMAN: -- our community with their
5 on air outreach. Thank you.

6 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you very much.

7 (Applause.)

8 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Julie Brown? Julie
9 Brown?

10 MR. BROWN: No, this is Julien Brown.

11 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Julien Brown?

12 MR. BROWN: Yes.

13 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Okay.

14 MR. BROWN: How are you doing? I'm Julien
15 Brown. I'm Manager of Corporate Contributions for
16 Nicor Gas Company. And I'm also on the Board of the
17 Clear Channel Advisory Community Board.

18 And I'm on that Board because I believe in
19 the values that Clear Channel has exhibited in terms
20 of their support for the community. They have a focus
21 that really reaches out to the issues that are
22 important to the community, and they act on those
23 issues, and they have an impact.

24 Such as their voter registration drive, and
25 their voter education drive. These are things that

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1 were important to the community, these are things that
2 they had measurable results from their actions. Also,
3 Clear Channel Advisory Board reaches out to many other
4 entities to form partnerships, partnerships that deal
5 directly with health issues in the community.

6 Also, nothing can be more local than your
7 local utility company. And Clear Channel has a unique
8 partnership with Nicor, along with Jewel-Osco. And
9 what we do is work with their shop and share program.

10 And they promote the shop and share program to raise
11 funds for those who need energy assistance. And I'm
12 proud to say that in a three week period, that with
13 Clear Channel's help, they helped us raise nearly
14 \$8,000 and we helped over 40 families.

15 So with this type of entity in Chicago, it
16 is large, but it is also local. And I do appreciate
17 the work of Clear Channel.

18 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Tammy Basile?

21 MS. BASILE: Good evening. My name is
22 Tammy Basile, and I am the spokesperson for Life
23 Source, Chicagoland's blood center. I also serve on
24 the Clear Channel Advisory Board.

25 Life Source is a non-profit organization,

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1 and the largest blood center in Illinois. We share a
2 strong partnership with many Chicago stations, a
3 partnership that saves lives. In times of critical
4 need, when surgeries and medical procedures are in
5 danger of being canceled, our media friends produce
6 and run public service announcements to encourage
7 their listeners to donate blood. Their efforts this
8 summer alone saved countless lives as we faced one of
9 the worst shortages in recent memories.

10 Their support of Life Source and our life
11 saving mission is invaluable and ongoing. Our
12 partnership enables to have a strong presence on their
13 community affairs shows, website streaming, e-mail
14 blast, DJ endorsements, the list goes on and on.

15 Recently, Clear Channel received the
16 highest honor presented by America's blood centers as
17 they were named Outstanding Media of the Year for
18 their contributions to the community blood program.

19 Radio helps us make a personal, emotional
20 driven connection with listeners. This is vital to
21 our success as we are asking Chicagoland to give the
22 gift of life. And our media friends practice what
23 they preach, as they roll up their sleeves and host
24 mobile blood drives. They understand the importance
25 and urgency of blood donations.

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1 Their contributions to the community blood
2 program is priceless. On behalf of Life Source, thank
3 you for your time.

4 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Mike Laughlin.

7 MR. LAUGHLIN: Good evening, and thank you
8 for coming to Chicago. My name is Mike Laughlin, and
9 I serve on the Board of JDRF Illinois. My two sons
10 both have Type I diabetes, and in this, the general
11 population, there are approximately, at least 5
12 percent of our population suffers from this disease.

13 The relationship between JDRF, Juvenile
14 Diabetes Research Foundation, and WGN Radio 720, is
15 truly dynamic and unique. It provides for the ongoing
16 opportunity to share our mission, the JDRF mission,
17 with a mass audience. Key messages are conveyed
18 consistently, consistently through on air mentions,
19 and included in shows where JDRF and diabetes topics
20 are discussed.

21 It is clear that our organization would not
22 be able to receive this vast level of exposure
23 otherwise. Not only does the radio station provide
24 for that opportunity, but it stands as a reliable
25 partner whose reputation has helped strengthen our

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1 own.

2 Secondly, the station's staff has also
3 become part of the JDRF culture. Not only promoting,
4 but personally participating in special events such as
5 the Ron Santo Walk to Cure Diabetes. Their direct
6 community involvement resonates with our donors, and
7 adds a level of excitement to our events. They act as
8 champions for our cause.

9 And finally, finally, this partnership has
10 translated into dollars for critical diabetes
11 research, which is the foundation of our organization.

12 JDRF has been granted more than \$1 million by the WGN
13 Radio 720 Neediest Kids Fund, and fund of the
14 McCormick Tribune Foundation, since 2002. Quite a
15 record.

16 We also received donations from WGN Radio
17 listeners who learn about us on air and through the
18 WGN Radio website. Our history together spans many --

19 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.

20 MR. LAUGHLIN: -- years, and has been a
21 solid part of our success. Thank you.

22 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you very much.

23 (Applause.)

24 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Would the following
25 people come down? Bob Shomper, Bob Banesteel, or

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1 Banesteel, Kimberly Hickman, Kathy Voltmer, Mandy
2 Irwin, Ann West, Francine Hancock-Bryant, Barry Keefe,
3 Brian Paruch, Eric Monte.

4 John Williams?

5 MR. WILLIAMS: Good evening. Thank you for
6 your patience. My name is John Williams. I do the
7 afternoon show on WGN from 1:00 to 4:00. I just
8 wanted to remind you that the first speaker that we
9 had here this evening, remember KRS said it -- and I
10 thought he was terrific, he said, It doesn't matter
11 who owns the station -- and it does, but we got his
12 point -- he said, It doesn't matter who owns the
13 station, what matters is what comes from the heart and
14 what do the people say on those stations. The
15 programming and service are what matters he said.

16 Commissioners, I know you didn't get a
17 chance to hear my show this afternoon. I don't know
18 that a lot of people in this radio -- this auditorium
19 this evening heard my show today either, so I thought
20 I'd tell you what we did on WGN Radio today, relative
21 to community needs and interest.

22 We talked about the new Planned
23 Parenthood's impact on the Aurora area; we talked
24 about can O.J. Simpson get a fair trial; how lowering
25 interest rates affect your home loan, or your chance

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1 to get a home loan.

2 The thrust of my show today was about the
3 Jena, Louisiana rally, what Barack Obama said about
4 it, what Jesse Jackson said about what Barack Obama
5 said. We talked about the tasing of that University
6 of Florida student; we talked about Barry Manilow,
7 fortunately in that order.

8 No one here likes consolidation. WGN is
9 uniquely not a consolidated station. In fact, it's
10 almost frustrating to me, I hear so many people here
11 saying the things that they want from their radio, and
12 I think that's what we're trying to do every single
13 day, live, local, and listening.

14 And the only way that you could dilute our
15 ability to do that is to divest us of the Tribune
16 Company, force our sale, and then ask some other
17 consolidated giant to come along and own us, and then
18 we're just a switch. Right now we're live, and we're
19 local, and we're listening. Thank you.

20 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.

21 (Applause.)

22 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Donna Long.

23 MS. LONG: Good evening. I'm Donna Long.

24 I am the receptionist for the Tribune Company's WGN
25 Radio here in Chicago. I've been at WGN for over

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1 eight years, and during my time as the receptionist,
2 I've seen, day in and day out, how very important the
3 radio station is to the community.

4 Every day I answer calls from listeners
5 from all walks of life that have one thing in common,
6 they are calling WGN Radio because they need help. I
7 can't tell you how many times I have heard a caller
8 say, No one else knows, but I know WGN Radio will.

9 Many of the folks don't have the resources
10 available to them, and other people do, so they depend
11 on their friends at WGN Radio to help them get the
12 info they need. Whether it's information about
13 something they heard on the air, helping promoting a
14 fundraiser, or a problem they don't know how to fix.

15 The local community depends on WGN Radio like they
16 are they trusted friend.

17 A few examples come to mind. During a
18 recent storm, flooding in Chicagoland, a listener,
19 whose basement had flooded called, not knowing who to
20 turn to. I helped put her in touch with the City of
21 Chicago to get the help she needed.

22 Another incident also comes to mind where
23 an extremely upset lady called, crying because she was
24 having trouble getting her security deposit back from
25 an old landlord. Again, I was able to help her. I

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1 put her in touch with the Illinois State's Attorney
2 Office to rectify the situation.

3 These are just a few examples of thousands
4 of calls that not only myself, but also my co-workers
5 have received over the years. WGN Radio's impact on
6 the community is strong, and I am proud to be part of
7 that every day. Thank you.

8 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Leah Ray. Leah Ray?

11 (No response.)

12 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Bob Shomper?

13 MR. SHOMPER: I'm Bob Shomper, and I'm a
14 Program Director at WGN Radio. I just want to echo
15 John Williams' sentiments here. My career in radio
16 programming has been nearly 30 years, and prior to my
17 arrival here at WGN, I worked for small local
18 companies as well as big national companies, each one
19 of them had multiple station ownership.

20 Not the case at WGN. It's locally owned,
21 locally managed, it's the only radio station the
22 Tribune Company owns. We are committed to the
23 community. It's one of the reasons I'm here, it's one
24 of the reasons I'm very proud to be a part of this
25 radio station.

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1 In fact, two years ago we made the
2 commitment to broadcast live from the various
3 communities throughout the Chicago area. And the
4 purpose behind it was to make a connection with the
5 local communities and exploring the people, bringing
6 it to the airwaves. We even have home town heroes,
7 and we put them on our air. And we tell people what
8 their community is all about and use our air time to
9 do that.

10 And that's what we do as far as our
11 commitment off the air is concerned, things like that.

12 On the air, unlike the vast majority of the news and
13 talk stations that are across the entire nation here,
14 our talk show hosts provide diverse and balanced
15 views. We have politically liberal hosts, we have
16 politically conservative hosts. It is common on WGN
17 Radio to hear opposing views in the same day, where
18 it's uncommon across AM radio -- or across the rest of
19 the nation.

20 The politics, as John said, is only one
21 small portion of what we do. The topics, what John
22 listed today, is just a microcosm of what the radio
23 station does day in, day out. It is live, it is
24 local, it is managed live, it is programmed local, and
25 it's that way 24/7.

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1 It keeps me very busy as the Program
2 Director because I've got a lot of people to take care
3 of, in the building, at the radio station, and they're
4 there to take care of the people in the Chicagoland
5 area. Thank you very much for the time.

6 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.

7 (Applause.)

8 MODERATOR SIGALOS: At this point I do have
9 10:30. I would ask that we now go to a 90 second time
10 period. We -- for your information, we have gone
11 through 64 on the registration sheet at this point.

12 Bob Banesteel, or Banesteel.

13 MR. BONESTEEL: Commissioners, my name is
14 Bob Bonesteel. For many years I've served the local
15 command of the Salvation Army as its Chief
16 Communications Officer, and had occasion to work with
17 many of WGN's on air talents and with station
18 administration in promotions.

19 WGN has fostered an open atmosphere among
20 its on air personalities to be engaged actively in
21 community and philanthropic endeavors. The station
22 provides the resources, the talent, provides the
23 connect, and the opportunity to be in touch with the
24 charity.

25 The Salvation Army has historically, and

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1 continues to, benefit from personal appearances of WGN
2 celebrities such as ringing bells at various kettles
3 during the Christmas season, or providing masters of
4 ceremonies on special occasions.

5 Recently, on air host John Williams reached
6 out to the community on behalf of the Salvation Army's
7 music programs when he promoted a mechanism for the
8 donation of music instruments. Then -- and those
9 instruments were then used to teach boys and girls in
10 the Englewood School where their music programs had
11 been cut.

12 John also became the conduit in recruiting
13 local high school children into a bell ringing
14 contest, which engaged and exposed its young people to
15 the good work of the Salvation Army, as well as in
16 raising money.

17 The response from listeners has been
18 overwhelming and we continue to depend upon WGN for
19 its good support of our work.

20 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you. Thank you
21 very much.

22 (Applause.)

23 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Kimberly Hickman.
24 Kimberly Hickman?

25 MS. HICKMAN: Hi. Good evening. I'm the

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1 Project Manager for WDRV-FM, and I'm here on behalf of
2 Metropolitan Family Services. Metropolitan Family
3 Services is pleased to affirm Bonneville Radio
4 Chicago's strong support of the local community, and
5 of Metropolitan Family Services.

6 As one of Chicago area's first and largest
7 human services agencies, Metropolitan provides a
8 wealth of programs, and services, and advocates for
9 policy initiatives designed to strengthen lower income
10 families. Yet the agency needs broadcast support and
11 resources in promoting who it is and what it does.
12 Bonneville's offer to help support Metropolitan has
13 provided a valued and timely opportunity.

14 That support includes a daily Metropolitan
15 PSA that airs on each of Bonneville Chicago's three
16 stations, WDRV, WTMX, and WILV, and a monthly feature
17 on the public affairs program, MFS, at 1:50, which
18 also airs on the stations and highlights different
19 Metropolitan initiatives.

20 In addition, news directors Barry Keith and
21 Kathy Voltmer, our main contacts at Bonneville, have
22 been extremely accommodating in supporting
23 Metropolitan by helping present our agency and its
24 activities in a way that best resonates with Chicago
25 area listeners.

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1 We truly appreciate Bonneville Radio and
2 consider its ongoing commitment to community, both in
3 Chicago and nationally, to be essential. Thank you.

4 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Kathy Voltmer.

7 MS. VOLTMER: Good evening, Commissioners.

8 Lost in all the controversy over media consolidation
9 is the fact that there are broadcasters out there who
10 are still deeply committed to serving the needs of
11 their communities and making a difference.

12 Chief among them, in my opinion, Bonneville
13 International, the parent company of the radio station
14 I represent, WDRV-FM, The Drive. I am Kathy Voltmer,
15 the station's News and Public Affairs Manager.

16 Pioneering baby boom rocker WDRV hit the
17 Chicago airwaves in March of 2001, charged by
18 Bonneville with making community involvement a
19 building block in the foundation of our station.
20 Since then WDRV has gone on to win awards for
21 community service. We've donated more than \$14
22 million worth of on air public service announcements
23 to hundreds of charities, giving listeners abundant
24 opportunities to give back.

25 We've aired hundreds of hours of long form

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1 public affairs programming touching the issues that
2 deeply impact our listeners' lives. We've sponsored
3 events, big and small, that helped raise millions of
4 dollars for area not-for-profits, and we have
5 personally rolled up our sleeves with WDRV staffers
6 donating 7500 hours of volunteer time, averaging 235
7 hours per person. Bonneville gives staffers up to 40
8 hours a year of paid time off to work for charity
9 causes.

10 With its company culture of service, The
11 Drive and its staff works hard daily to serve
12 Chicagoland. We provide a shining example of how
13 local radio --

14 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.

15 MS. VOLTMER: -- can connect with its
16 community and make a difference.

17 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you very much.

18 Mandy Irwin.

19 MS. IRWIN: Good evening. My name is Mandy
20 Irwin, and I'm the Promotions Manager at 100.3 LOVE-
21 FM, WILV, a Bonneville station.

22 Two weeks ago I returned from Misaka,
23 Mozambique, a small village on the land of a former
24 refugee camp. It's home to hundreds of orphans who
25 have lost one or both parents to disease, whether

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1 malaria or AIDS. It was the third trip that I took
2 with Habitat for Humanity, and the third trip that
3 Bonneville International supported.

4 I'm here today as an employee of WILV, a
5 radio station that not only embraces our community,
6 but helps celebrate its employees' philanthropic
7 endeavors. As in years past, 2007 has been filled
8 with opportunities for WILV to support causes that
9 affect our listeners in our communities, especially
10 women.

11 Since January, employees personally donated
12 over 600 hours over 38 local organizations. WILV has
13 further run the course of service by giving over \$1
14 million in on air support and over a half a million
15 dollars in website exposure.

16 Our heart for those in need lives within
17 our team spirit, our corporate philosophy, and our
18 people. WILV is a dedicated team of people who
19 embrace and illuminate Bonneville International's
20 commitment to making a difference. Thank you.

21 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.

22 (Applause.)

23 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Ann West.

24 MS. WEST: My name is Annie West, and I'm
25 here on behalf of Rebecca Melburt, External Relations

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1 Coordinator of Deborah's Place.

2 100.3 LOVE-FM has been a long time
3 supporter of Deborah's Place, and our efforts to end
4 homelessness for women in Chicago. Deborah's Place is
5 the largest housing provider in the City of Chicago
6 for women who are homeless, and formerly homeless.
7 WILV has provided numerous public service
8 announcements and market support for Deborah's Place
9 special events and holiday donations.

10 WILV has helped Deborah's Place provide
11 supportive services for approximately 300 women a year
12 through the promotion of special events, holiday
13 donations and volunteer activities. Thank you so
14 much.

15 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Francine Hancock-
18 Bryant.

19 MS. HANCOCK-BRYANT: My name is Francine
20 Hancock-Bryant. And I am a servant of the Lord. I
21 came here because the FCC owes me something. Owes me
22 my time, owes me my voice, owes me my patience that I
23 put in this, and I expect them to get more than 90
24 seconds, because, look, my life ain't that long.

25 (Applause.)

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1 MS. HANCOCK-BRYANT: I don't know how many
2 more times I'm going to get a chance to come before
3 you. But I'm coming before you in the name of the
4 Lord. I'm coming before you because there's something
5 that's got to be done here.

6 I'm coming before you because I done seen
7 the Declaration of Independence. I done seen the
8 Emancipation Proclamation. I done seen the Civil
9 Rights Movement. I done have seen it, but I haven't
10 experienced it. I haven't experienced it in 53 years.

11 I have nobody on the south side of Chicago to say
12 they experienced the actual thing.

13 Time now is out for listening. It time out
14 now for you to write the paper and forget the paper.
15 It's time now for you to stand up and use the paper,
16 and do the paper, and walk the paper, and do what it
17 say. It's not there for your -- you know, for your --
18 what they call it, trimmings on the side, you know.

19 He lost his life.

20 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.

21 MS. HANCOCK-BRYANT: He lost his life. I'm
22 not going to --

23 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you very much.

24 MS. HANCOCK-BRYANT: -- go down because,
25 who knows, I don't have too much -- I'm staying here,

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1 I've been here early.

2 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.

3 MS. HANCOCK-BRYANT: I'm staying. I paid
4 my dues. I'm going to --

5 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you very much.

6 MS. HANCOCK-BRYANT: -- speak my two
7 minutes.

8 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.

9 (Pause.)

10 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Our next speaker is
11 Barry --

12 (Applause.)

13 MODERATOR SIGALOS: -- Keefe.

14 MR. KEEFE: My name is Barry Keefe. I have
15 been doing news and community affairs for Bonneville
16 owned WTMX-FM since 1978. Though that was long before
17 deregulation began to take effect, we actually do more
18 in the public affairs arena today than we did back
19 when Jimmy Carter was in office, and Mike Bilandic was
20 creating something we called Chicagofest.

21 Last year WTMX gave back to the community
22 to the tune of over \$5 million. This came in the form
23 of employee volunteer time, a weekly four hour PA
24 block and over 7,000 PSA airings. Our public file is
25 replete with thank yous from service organizations for

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1 our efforts, and they're heartfelt, I assure you.

2 Our annual *Eric and Kathy Radiothon* for
3 Children's Memorial Hospital set an all time U.S.
4 single frequency record last year for fundraising with
5 a total donation from listeners of nearly \$2.4
6 million. And our 10th Annual Volunteer Fair at
7 Woodfield Mall was labeled the biggest in the country.

8 In addition to four dozen news
9 presentations a week, WTMX producers three local PA
10 shows, individuals public affair shows totaling 65
11 minutes, 52 times a year. In the first six months of
12 2007 we handed the mike over to a total of 72
13 Chicagoland residents.

14 That interaction creates a relationship
15 that makes for our impending 40th Birthday, and for
16 that we are proud.

17 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.

18 (Applause.)

19 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Would Luis Enrique
20 Romero, Martin Macias, Reyna Wences, Bruty Turner,
21 Frank Diaz, Maria de los Corral, Cynthia Wilson,
22 Marlene Rodriguez Vick, Joseph Harrington, and Ras SKB
23 come forward please?

24 Brian Paruch.

25 MR. PARUCH: Thank you. I'm Brian Paruch.

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1 I'm reading a statement from Tom Sullivan, the
2 Children's Memorial Foundation President.

3 "Radio has been called the theater of the
4 mind. If you've ever listened to a radiothon, a live
5 event where the radio station essentially turns over
6 the airwaves to tell the stories of brave children and
7 their families, then you would call radio the theater
8 of the heart.

9 "For the past eight years, WTMX-FM has
10 hosted *The Eric and Kathy 36 Hour Radiothon* to benefit
11 Children's Memorial Hospital, which is originated from
12 the lobby of our facility. For 36 hours we hear
13 stories from the doctors and nurses, but mostly from
14 the hearts of the families and their children that are
15 treated, saved, and even lost there.

16 "The radiothon creates a sense of community
17 through the sharing of highly emotional and personal
18 stories. Participating families engage WTMX listeners
19 with their unwavering strength and dignity when
20 telling of the hardships they have had to endure.

21 "Eric and Kathy's continuous dedication and
22 sensitivity enable the families to share those
23 powerful stories and speak from the heart. It makes
24 listeners respond with a sense of urgency and
25 obligation, and have raised over \$12 million for

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